

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 10, 2009**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7PM President Dave Benefiel called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance. Council member Bill White moved to approve minutes as written. Council member Harry Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A. The Council discussed more about whether or not to approve upgrade plan with E-Gov. It was discussed possibly buying only a credit card machine for the Town Hall. Clerk Treasurer Tom Reber reported software from Keystone would be needed to be compatible with either decision. Council member White asked if credit card payments could be posted manually to avoid Keystone fee. Clerk Treasurer Reber to check with Keystone.

B. Due to the recent hail damage from storms, two companies have applied for solicitation permits and are asking for the usual 7 day waiting period to be waived. Nathan Brennington a representative of Morning Star was in attendance and reported that they have all the proper liability insurance. The other company also has all insurance needed. Clerk Treasurer Reber will distribute permits upon Town Attorney Jennifer Messer's approval of documents. Permits will be Town sealed and must be carried by companies at all times while working in town. Council member White moved to approve request. President Benefiel 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3ayes 0nos.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Andy Longwell was present to ask Town Council for an official document showing easement at his property to avoid further disputes with neighbors. Clerk Treasurer Reber will look through Town minutes from 2003 and 2004 to find what conclusion was voted on then concerning this very issue.

**IV. CLERK TREASURER**

A. The Hancock Telecom estimate has been reconfigured leaving out the License Branch since they are still under contract until September of 2010. The phone numbers would all stay the same but emails would change. The Police Department laptops would have to stay with Verizon. Clerk Treasurer asked for the Council to sign letter of intent to purchase upon Hancock Telecom receiving more business in Town. Council member White moved to have 5 lines here and 2 lines at the Plant and signature of the letter of intent. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

- B. Clerk Treasurer Reber advised the Council to begin thinking of where they would like to spend next year's budget and reported he has begun work on it. Last year's budget has still not been approved but a new representative will be working with Reber with this.
- C. The Town road mileage has been approved and certified at 10.18 miles.
- D. AFLAC Insurance representative has met with all Town employees. The 125 Plan has been signed and this saves them and the Town tax dollars. This has been correctly configured with Keystone and was reflected on the last pay period.
- E. To keep golf cart use in Town legal, the House Enrolled Act 1483 must be adopted. The Morristown Manor has sent a letter to the Town Council requesting this been adopted since they use golf carts to give residents leisure rides. Their carts include a windshield and seat belts. Town Attorney Messer will look through before the Town adopts.
- F. FTM Reports are in from M.D. Wessler. A CD will mature this month for \$400,000 and will be put into a money market. Reber requested permission to pay Mitchell & Starks second payment of \$109,229.71, and requested permission to pay Mitchell & Starks and Town's Escrow account of \$19,254.21. Council member White moved to approve payment. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3ayes. 0 nos.
- G. Mitchell & Starks covers all insurance until project is complete.

V. POLICE

- A. Town Marshall Henry Albrecht issued estimate to Council for \$390 for car graphics on new car. Labor time has been donated and only materials are being charged for. Council member White moved to approve payment of graphics. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3ayes. 0nos.
- B. Deputy Marshall Brad Trittippo reported he is looking for grants for new radios since current radios are loaned by the County. He is applying for Hoosier Safety License Plate grant for \$4,000 and needs to be turned in by the end of July. Trittippo has also requested radios for the Police Reserves. Council member White moved to wait until next meeting for further discussion.
- C. The new car will be here once as soon as final paperwork for financing is complete.

VI. LEGAL

- A. A liability contract has been constructed for the Young Marine Corp. with Tim McCord. Once it is signed it will be in

effect. Council member White moved to approve signing document. President Benefiel 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3ayes. 0 nos.

- B. Duke Energy will be providing services from the old plant to the new plant. An easement will not be needed.
- C. The legal notice for selling of the Fire Truck was published Tuesday. Sealed bids must be in by 10AM June 24<sup>th</sup>, and the winner will be announced at the meeting that night. Winner then has 15 days to pay in full.
- D. Steve Plunkett, CPA, has been hired to look at the License Branch figures provided by Clerk Treasurer. Sales percents are down 24%, and the License Branch is looking at a deficit of \$21,000 this year. Council asked for Mr. Plunkett to attend the next meeting to explain in detail his figures.

**VII. WASTEWATER/WATER/STREETS**

- A. Chuck holes have been filled in.
- B. There is a manhole on Morristown with a hole in front of it.
- C. Ground has sunken in on Asbury Rd. where a water line was installed.
- D. On Johnson St. between the Methodist church and the Ebert's residence a drain is needed due to wash out.
- E. Deputy Trittippo reported to finding bolts and metal on the road at Industrial Park. Marshall Albrecht will speak with Integrity Metals on this matter.
- F. Much discussion was held on whether or not Town should join SEDC. John Thomas's opinion is that in the future it would be beneficial to the Town. It is still be discussed on if it would be beneficial at the present time. Council member White moved to table this discussion to another meeting. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3ayes. 0nos.

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Steve Bridges reported the drains in the 200 block of South St. are plugged on both sides of the street.
- B. Steve Bridges asked who is responsible for a dying tree on Johnson St. in front of apartments. Town informed him it is the property owner's responsibility.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

No further business addressed. Council member White moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3ayes. 0nos.

David L. Benefiel  
President

**Thomas W. Reber**  
**Clerk Treasurer**